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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6516 NOTE PREPARED: Mar 27, 2007 **BILL NUMBER:** HB 1058 **BILL AMENDED:** Mar 22, 2007

SUBJECT: Transfer of Property to Volunteer Fire Department.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bischoff

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Steele

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL IMPACT: Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> (Amended) The bill authorizes a political subdivision (not including a township in a county having a consolidated city) to transfer property to a volunteer fire department without consideration or for nominal consideration for the construction of a fire station or other purposes related to firefighting.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) Summary- With the exception of the townships within Marion County, any local government entity with the ability to sue or be sued would be allowed to transfer real, tangible, or intangible property, licenses, or interests therein to a volunteer fire department. The bill would permit the transfer to occur without meeting the requirements for the transfer of real property by a political subdivision under current law. The current requirements to complete the sale or transfer of real property include: receiving appraisals, publishing notices describing the conditions of, and engaging in a bid process on the real property to be sold or transferred. The impact to local expenditures would depend on the number of transfers of property, licenses, or interests made by local government entities.

Background- There are approximately 837 volunteer fire or rescue organizations in Indiana that meet the membership requirements of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association.

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Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Political subdivisions.

Information Sources: http://www.ivfa.org/

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